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SUBJECT: 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL - CALL ON DEPUTY
SECRETARY GENERAL FOR TCDC CONFERENCE

1. DR. PETER BOURNE ACCOMPANIED BY DELOFFS, CALLED
UPON BERNARD CHIDZERO WHO HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY RELEASED
FROM HIS POST AS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO
SERVE AS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 12 IN BUENOS AIRES.

2. CHIDZERO WAS AT GREAT PAINS TO DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF
FROM THE PHILOSOPHY AND APPROACH REPRESENTED BY THE
DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION REJECTED BY THE RECENT 3RD PREPCOM
FOR THE TCDC CONFERENCE. IN PROMISING A NEW PLAN BY
THE END OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (JUNE 30), HE ASSURED
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE THAT THE NEW REVISED PLAN
WOULD REFLECT A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT UNDER-
TAKINGS WHEREIN TCDC WOULD COMPLEMENT AND ENHANCE TRADI-
TIONAL FORMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

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3. IN THE COURSE OF THE BRIEF MEETING, CHIDZERO MENTIONED
SEVERAL ELEMENTS WHICH HE SAW AS IMPORTANT TO THE
SUCCESS OF TCDC INCLUDING: (A) THE NEED TO SUPPORT
FINANCIALLY POST-CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION
PROGRAMS; (B) GREATER BILATERAL APPLICATION OF TCDC
FEATURES; (C) THE UNTYING OF BILATERAL AID FOR USE IN

ANOTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRY; AND (D) MORE EXTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS WITHIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. CHIDZERO SUGGESTED THAT THE CURRENT OPEN-MEMBERSHIP PREPARATORY COMMITTEE BE CONVERTED INTO A PERMANENT UNIT FOR MONITORING THE PROGRESS AND QUALITY OF TCDC. PRESUMABLY, SUCH A BODY WOULD NOT IMPINGE UPON A BUREAUCRATIC FOCAL POINT, POSSIBLY WITHIN UNDP. IN CLOSING THE INTERVIEW, CHIDZERO SUGGESTED THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF HOW THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD BE INVOLVED APPROPRIATELY IN THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE DECISIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. DR. BOURNE ASSURED MR. CHIDZERO OF US INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO TCDC AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE THROUGH HIS OFFICE TO THE FURTHERING OF THE TCDC CONCEPT.

6. COMMENT: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHIDZERO INITIATIVE IN SEEKING OUT THE USREP AND OF HIS COMMENTS LIE IN HIS DESIRE TO LAY TO REST THE IDEOLOGICAL BASIS FOR THE NOW-REJECTED DRAFT PLAN AND TO ASSURE THE USG THAT THE EXCESSES OF THE ABDEL-MEGUID DRAFT WOULD NOT BE REPEATED IN A NEW EFFORT. INDEED, A BOOTLEG COPY OF THE NEW DRAFT OBTAINED SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING BY DELOFF GLAZER FROM THE SWISS REP CONTAINS ONLY A MODICUM OF RHETORIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FEW IF ANY PROPOSALS WHICH THE US MIGHT FIND UNACCEPTABLE, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS OF UNTYING BILATERAL AID AND THE MODALITIES FOR ACCORDING PREFERENCE TO LDC RESOURCES. THE ISSUE OF POST-CONFERENCE INFORMATION PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF TCDC ACCORDS WITH THE US PROPOSAL ALONG THESE LINES NOW REFLECTED IN THE DRAFT CONFERENCE AGENDA. VANDEN HEUVEL

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